

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 02, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 279. By Senators Halpern of the 39th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a statue garden known as the "Garden of Heroes" in honor of Georgia heroes upon the grounds of the state capitol building; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State Institutions and Property Committee.

SB 280. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Rahman of the 5th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 28 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to tourist courts, so as to prohibit tourist courts from offering to rent accommodations at an hourly rate; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to landlord and tenant, so as to require landlords to conduct background screening on employees and to provide requirements therefor; to require landlords to maintain a log for the issuance and return of keys and to develop policies and procedures regarding unissued keys; to provide for rights and duties of landlords regarding entry into dwelling units; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 281. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding child custody proceedings, so as to provide judicial discretion in determining the right of a surviving parent to custody of a child when such surviving parent is criminally charged with the murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.

SB 282. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 43rd, McLaurin of the 14th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to prohibit private employers from preventing an employee from engaging in certain protected activities relating to the reporting of violations of or noncompliance with a law, rule, or regulation; to provide for definitions; to prohibit retaliatory action against employees of private employers who engage in certain protective activities; to provide for a cause of action and remedies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 283. By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 43rd, McLaurin of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to enact the "Pregnancy Protection Act"; to provide for reasonable accommodations to job applicants and employees for circumstances related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice of rights; to provide for burden of proving undue hardship; to provide for a civil cause of action; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 284. By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Mallow of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Islam of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to add a program for students living in poverty to the table of quality basic education instructional programs with weights and student-teacher ratios; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SR 231. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Davenport of the 44th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brett Moore, the 2022 NAIFA Advisor Today 4 Under 40; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 232.](#) By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Davenport of the 44th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 233.](#) By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Davenport of the 44th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Antoinette Reilly; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 234.](#) By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 79th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 235.](#) By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Setzler of the 37th and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION urging the federal government of the United States to conduct a comprehensive investigation of the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including whether it resulted from a lab leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

[SR 236.](#) By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Chardae Regina "Prima" Sanders; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

HB 43. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Taylor of the 173rd, Mathiak of the 74th, McClain of the 109th and Mainor of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of American Indian human remains and burial objects, so as to revise the membership of the Council on American Indian Concerns; to revise addresses of American Indian Tribes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 51. By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 63. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Newton of the 127th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-30-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to furnishing claims experience to policyholders, so as to require insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 130. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Collins of the 71st, Hitchens of the 161st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

HB 185. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hilton of the 48th, Wiedower of the 121st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for HOPE Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for student eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, including requirements for program authorization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

HB 298. By Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Hilton of the 48th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding juries, so as to provide for an exemption or deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive mothers of children six months of age and younger; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 308. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations; to add dentistry; to increase the value of the tax credit; to revise definitions; to extend the sunset provision for such tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 311. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th, Knight of the 134th, Greene of the 154th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for optional temporary tax relief to certain properties located in nationally declared federal disaster areas; to provide for rules, procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for appeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 318. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Thomas of the 21st, Mainor of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the reestablishment of the Office of Charter School Compliance under the State Charter Schools Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 336. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Wiedower of the 121st, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th and Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to amendment and revision of codes generally, so as to prohibit the Georgia state minimum standard codes from prohibiting the use of certain refrigerants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 338. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Mathiak of the 74th, Smith of the 70th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; to repeal a provision regarding applicability; to provide for implementation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 402. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 25th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of elementary and secondary school students, so as to require public schools and local school systems to provide water safety education information upon initial enrollment to parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and directly to student 18 years of age and older; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 406. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 and Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to jurisdiction of and powers and duties of the Georgia Public Service Commission generally and selling and other trade practices, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation of the provision of certain electricity used as a motor fuel in electric vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 436. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th, Burchett of the 176th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to surface mining, so as to revise maximum criminal penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 460. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Reeves of the 99th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to provide for a child's right to legal representation in legitimization cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.

HB 500. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Cheokas of the 151st and Daniel of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arson and explosives, so as to provide for the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 505. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Daniel of the 117th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to riot, so as to provide for a felony penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of riot; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 508. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining orders and protective orders, so as to provide that orders be served on a respondent within 24 hours of the court's issuance of such order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 509. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-1 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to burglary, so as to include an act of family violence as an element of such offense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.